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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed December 5, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

*Ex. note →* Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

*B1* -- In the present invention, it is possible to detect an early-stage renal disease in a subject by using as an indicator the L-PGDS concentration determined by the above-mentioned means. Also, it is possible to manage the disease state of a subject's renal disease by evaluating the glomerular filtration ability of the subject using as an indicator the L-PGDS concentration determined by the above-mentioned means. --

*Ex. note →* Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 28 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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